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### pioneer days

## The Lone Ranger rides along with many rules

The lone, fictional character depends on cooperation with a code of ethics that is neither fully considered.

Some characters are created and presented to the public, but others through the ages often remain in the established roster of heroes of fiction.

The Lone Ranger has now galloped

the quarter-century mark, is one of

few who has gripped the public fancy to become a legend. He has, however, did follow a pattern of do's and don'ts

that are usually attributed to successful

adventure.

Beginning with the basic premise that a program must be entertaining, the creators added the element of education, the moral message with the program geared for children, it was agreed that whatever was to be accomplished would have to be done with subtlety.

Basically, it was decided that children

should have the following: patriotism, tolerance, fairness, and a sympathetic under-

standing of fellow men and their rights and responsibilities.

Fairness

The Lone Ranger advocates the American

ideal of equality, and

protects the public interest.

Patriotism

With a sense of country, and orga-

nizing desire to help the people who

settled in the West, the Lone Ranger teaches

a sense of patriotism that consists of more

flag-waving and answering the call of

war.

When the Lone Ranger's code is

broken, that patriotism means service to

the country, and

obligation to maintain a home in which

children may grow up in safety and respect

means a respect for law and order and calls

for a preservation of our heritage and

the rights of freedom of speech and

religion.

Tolerance

If the Lone Ranger accepts the Indian,

then, at least, it is Indian, it is

obviously Indian, that grain must have no

racial or religious prejudice. Nowhere in the

stories are any minority groups referred to

as derogatory manner.

Sympathy

The Lone Ranger chooses the side of the

oppressed — the underdog — the little man

in need of help, and is a specific example of a

kindness.

Sex, gore, brutality

The sanctity of the home is protected, and

all love interests are kept wholesome —

and tender.

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failures and the other man's point of view,

and he is especially understanding of the

impossible from him. He is of a for-

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Criminals

Criminals are never shown in an envious

position of wealth or power, nor do they ever

appear as successful or glamorous.

Lone Ranger don'ts

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Religion

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